

**BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST
WORK SESSION/REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 7, 2018
MINUTES**

MEETING OPENED AT 7:30 BY MAYOR HARRY ROBBINS.

ALL STOOD FOR THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE.

PUBLIC MEETINGS STATEMENT READ INTO RECORD BY MUNICIPAL CLERK DUGAN:

“IN COMPLIANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 10:4, OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT, NOTICE WAS GIVEN TO TWO NEWSPAPERS, AND POSTED, THAT A WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL IS SCHEDULED FOR THE SEVENTH DAY OF JUNE, 2018, WITH THE WORK SESSION TO BEGIN AT THE HOUR OF 7:30 P.M. AND THE REGULAR MEETING TO BEGIN IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING AT THE LAKEHURST COMMUNITY CENTER, 207 CENTER STREET, LAKEHURST, NEW JERSEY, AT WHICH TIME, THE BUSINESS OF THE BOROUGH WILL BE CONDUCTED.”

ROLL CALL:

ROBIN BUSCH: PRESENT

JAMES DAVIS: PRESENT

PATRICIA HODGES: PRESENT

MAYOR HARRY ROBBINS: PRESENT

GARY LOWE: PRESENT

ROBERT McCARTHY: PRESENT

STEVEN OGLESBY: PRESENT

WORK SESSION:

REVIEW OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA:

Municipal Clerk Dugan reviewed regular meeting agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Time opened: 7:32 p.m.

NO PUBLIC COMMENT

Time closed: 7:32 p.m.

Councilwoman Hodges announced that two ordinances will be introduced tonight: one concerning the Fire Department and one concerning the First Aid Squad. Mrs. Hodges added that a meeting was held with fire department and first aid squad members to discuss the ordinances and added that some suggestions regarding changes were incorporated into the ordinances.

Mrs. Hodges added the next scheduled Youth and Recreation event is an outdoor movie night with Moana the featured movie on June 29, 2018.

Councilman Davis reported that pre-entries for the annual antique car show have tripled over last year's pre-entries.

Councilman McCarthy reported that there has been no Board of Education meeting.

Mr. McCarthy commended Police Chief Higgins' officers on their recent arrests.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

Time opened: 7:46 p.m.

Misty Sinkewitz, 613 Poplar Street, spoke on behalf of the Lakehurst First Aid Squad regarding a meeting with members of the Fire Department regarding fund drives. Mrs. Sinkewitz stated in past years with the exception of 2017, the First Aid Squad distributed their fund-raising letters during the month of May to coincide with First Aid Squad month, while the Fire Department distributed their fund-raising letters during the month of October to coincided with fire prevention month. Mrs. Sinkewitz added that during the meeting, fire department representatives assured the members of the First Aid Squad that they would adhere to the previously established tradition of fund raising during October. Mrs. Sinkewitz expressed her concern that the members of the Fire Department did not honor their assurance and sent out their fund-raising letters in June. Mrs. Sinkewitz stated that historically the Squad received approximately \$2,500 during their annual fund drive and suggested that the Squad's budget be increased by \$2,500 and the Fire Department's budget be reduced by the same amount.

Borough Attorney Sean Gertner stated that the Governing Body doesn't want to "get involved" with the volunteer organizations procedures.

Councilwoman Hodges suggested a meeting with the Public Safety Committee and members of the First Aid Squad and Fire Department regarding the matter.

Time closed: 7:54 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION:

Resolution to go into closed session read:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P. L. 1975, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances, **and**

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist.

